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STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir:

Applicants ask to be informed of the status of this patent application. A Response To Notice To File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application was filed on June 13, 2007. Applicants are unaware of any action on the merits in this case by the U.S. Patent Office since the filing date of June 13, 2007.

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